

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA**

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SETTING UP OF PUBLIC HEALTH SCHOOLS
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Union Government has any proposal to set up two major public health schools on the lines of IITs and IIMs.;
- (b) if so, the details of the proposals in this regard;
- (c) the total cost likely to be involved in setting up of these health schools;
- (d) the places where these schools are likely to be set up; and
- (e) the extent to which these schools are likely to be help to the common man?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

(a) to (e) The Government has obtained in-principle approval of the Planning Commission for setting up of Public Health Foundation of India (PHFI). PHFI will establish two Indian Institute of Public Health (IIPH) to impart highest quality-of public health education in the country. The total cost estimated for establishment of two IIPHs is Rs.200 crores. The proposal envisages contribution from Government of India of only one-third of the total cost, i.e. Rs.65 crores with the balance being met out of private/corporate funds. Out of the two UPHs proposed, one would be in Northern region around Delhi and the other in the Southern region of the country in Tamil Nadu. This initiative seeks to build the Human Resource capacity, which is considered essential to improve public health delivery on a large scale. The proposal is subject to further approvals of Government and participation of Private/Corporate sector.